

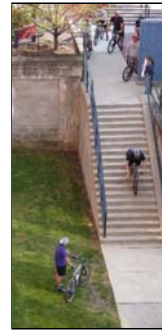
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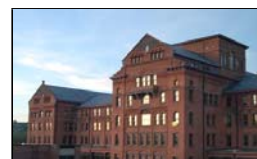
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The Outdoor Recreational Leadership Program is spearheaded by Geography/Geology Professor Russ Dodson. "We've all known we could attract students with a program like this," Dodson explains. "The question was: could we put students in jobs?" The University's rural location ideally positions it to capitalize on a wide variety of outdoor opportunities. "Then we got the leadership brand," relates Dodson, "and I realized there were a lot more career opportunities than just being park rangers and river guides. There are outdoor education and therapy programs focusing on at-risk youth, the elderly and urban children. Conservation education, eco-tourism, and public policy career tracks value this kind of experience too."

Students in the program earn a BS in geography with a concentration in outdoor recreational leadership. There is also a minor available. The program provides students a mixture of classroom and experiential learning. One-credit courses concentrate on technical skills such as mountain biking, river guiding, nature photography, observing animals, edible/medicinal plants, canoeing/kayaking, and rock climbing. Majors must complete five.

Required courses give students a solid base in both outdoor recreation and geography. Supporting coursework comes from the disciplines of business, geology, travel and tourism, and leadership studies, among others. The program has 18 majors so far, and is growing in popularity. Matthew Schober, a 28-year-old freshman has already taken mountain biking, introduction to outdoor recreation, and environmental issues. "I believe this program is a great addition because as a major it has many applications in the job force," Schober states. "It also brings a lot of new activities to the University."

It's true. Not only are there 20 mountain bikes stored in a shed outside Kelchner Fitness Center (KFC), but a climbing wall is slated to be built inside. Funds for both came from Student Activity Fees that the Student Finance Committee allocated, and they are not just for those taking outdoor recreation classes.

According to Amy Letts, KFC director, "The bikes have been extremely popular and are checked out daily."

Whether or not they are in the program or just taking a course for fun, Guignard sees real benefits for students overall. "Part of college should be play. Classes like mountain biking and paddling provide stress relief and expose students to new activities that may result in new friends and healthy habits." It's also a way that professors can get outside the classroom. In addition to Guignard, who is director of composition and associate professor of English, Steven Stein, associate professor of biology, will teach the course in edible and medicinal plants. Other faculty include professionals working in the region.



Kathleen Lavelle, vice president of the Geography/Outing Club, is a junior majoring in outdoor recreation because it's an up and coming field. "I don't want to work inside," she says, smiling. She describes the program as accessible and interesting. "It may convince kids who didn't want to go to college that there's something fun out there that they can do."

For more information on the program go to <http://geoggeol.mansfield.edu/>.

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Baird, who is the director of Safety & Security at Philadelphia University, was on campus in October to reconnect with Professor Ted Ryan and speak to Criminal Justice Administration students in Ryan’s classes about potential paid internships with his department.

“It was a very important professional experience,” Baird said of his own internship. “It was also significant in the way Dr. Ryan challenged us to find and create opportunities. Those skills are so valuable in today’s job market.”



Ryan developed the Alumni and Friends Internship Network (AFIN) after a conversation with Robert Strohecker '91, vice chair of the MU Council of Trustees, last summer.

They discovered common ground in that Strohecker and Ryan’s son Philip, a 2009 Mansfield graduate, were both science majors. Philip Ryan, now a graduate engineering student at Lehigh, had benefitted from a paid internship. Professor Ryan and Strohecker wondered why more MU students couldn’t have these types of opportunities.

After discussions with J.P. Burke, dean of Education, Professional and Graduate Studies, and assistance from Alumni Director Denise Berg, the AFIN was born.



“Frankly, there are fewer students than ever before who are able to afford unpaid internships,” Ryan said. “Jeffrey Baird is offering students from my security and terrorism classes an exceptional learning experience in integrating them into policy analysis at the highest level of institutional security and safety planning. There are also excellent learning experiences in public sector unpaid internship venues, but the financial situation for so many of our students eliminates that option. In my 36 years of experience in developing internship opportunities for several hundred students in over a dozen states and three foreign countries, I have never seen so many students who simply cannot pursue an unpaid internship.”

For his part, Baird is happy to be able to help MU students and students at other colleges. In a letter to Ryan about the program, Baird said, “your guidance and flexibility taught me how to create and develop an opportunity for myself at a time when an unpaid internship would have been very difficult. This experience was pivotal to my obtaining my first full-time position.”

Ryan calls Baird a “simultaneous educational and financial lifeline in creating paid internships every year starting in 2011. We all hope this lifeline will be emulated by those MU alumni in the position to do so.”

For more information on how to become involved in AFIN, contact Berg at [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu) or Ryan at (570)662-4495.

As for his day on campus, Baird said, “It was wonderful. I really enjoyed the day and sharing security information with the students. They were very serious about security and had good questions. It was great to see and speak with Dr. Ryan again. He and his teaching style have been very influential to my career.”

“In the mid-80s Dr. Ryan’s teaching style was considered unique,” Baird added. “He combined real world experience, presenters, lectures, analysis and debates. The debate model challenged us to look at all sides of an issue and to articulate our position in front of our peers. Prior to that, I would have never volunteered for many of the crime prevention, security presentations and ad hoc committees that helped me progress in my career in higher education public safety.”



## HOMEcoming 2010



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Homecoming weekend began on Friday with a golf outing to raise funds for athletic scholarships. Nate Davis '99 M'07, Casey McMasters, Brett Longpré '04 and Rich Miller M'99 took home bragging rights as the winning foursome.

The Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed four new members Friday evening during the annual induction ceremony and dinner; Dan Holland '05 (football), Brett Longpré '04 (basketball), Anthony Grego '92 (football) and Michael Drass '88 (football). Family, friends and colleagues gathered to show their support and admiration for

the many outstanding accomplishments achieved by these athletes.

The day ended with a pep rally, bonfire and fireworks display at Van Norman Field.

The annual parade made its way up Main Street to the delight of a large crowd on Saturday morning, showcasing spirited student organizations, Homecoming king and queen candidates, the 2010 Hall of Fame inductees, Alumni Board members and more.

Following the parade, alumni and friends stopped by the "Alumni Welcome" tent on their way in to the sprint football game at Van Norman Field. Alumni and friends met with students, staff and faculty at the tent and picked up fresh popcorn and megaphones to help cheer on the Mounties as they competed against the University of Pennsylvania.



At halftime, the "Spirit and the Pride of Pennsylvania Mountie Marching Band" performed in front of a crowd of over 2,600. Eliza Bell, a senior music major from Brookville (PA), was crowned Homecoming Queen and Florent Girardello, an exchange student from Paris, was crowned Homecoming King. Bell represented Sigma Alpha Iota and Girardello represented the French Club in the campus-wide contest.

In addition to the parade and sprint football game, the women's softball team held an alumni game and the men's baseball team held an alumni home run hitting contest and game on Saturday afternoon.

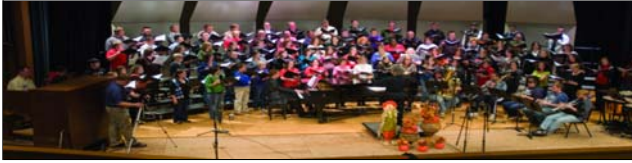
The highly anticipated and very unique "Prism Concert" was held in Steadman Theatre, and "The Dave Matthews Tribute Band" performed in Straughn Hall Saturday evening.

Homecoming weekend concluded with an Orchestra Concert and Octubafest! on Sunday.

To view additional photos and a video, go to <http://alumni.mansfield.edu>. Select 'Communications' and 'Photo Gallery' or 'Video Montages.'

Mark your calendar for Homecoming 2011 on October 7-9.

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Travelling from all over Pennsylvania, as well as New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Virginia, New

Hampshire, Tennessee and Idaho, the alumni enjoyed reuniting, reminiscing and rehearsing, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, director of MU Choral Activities since 1990.

The grand finale for the weekend was the reunion concert, held with the current Concert Choir, in Steadman Theatre.

To enjoy photos and a video of the reunion, visit <http://alumni.mansfield.edu>, select 'Communications' and 'Photo Gallery' or 'Video Montages.'

The musical selection featured for the video is The Road Home, performed by the current MU Concert Choir and dedicated to MU Concert Choir alumni.

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The Mansfield Auxiliary Corporation (MAC), a 501 (c)3 limited liability corporation comprised of Mansfield area business leaders and ex-officio members of the MU administration, is owner and landlord of the privatized housing project and will hire the university to oversee the daily operation of the new residence halls.



To follow the progress of the project, go to  
[http://construction.webcams.mansfield.edu/view/viewer\\_index.shtml](http://construction.webcams.mansfield.edu/view/viewer_index.shtml)

To see the artist's rendition of the project, go to  
<http://www.youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity#p/u/84/9b3z0dZExMg>

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Mansfield had an ASR for the entering class of student-athletes in 2003 of 78 percent. Its federal rate of success was 59%. Mansfield's ASR is five percent higher than the NCAA Division II national average and three percent higher than the federal rate.

The national ASR for the entering class of 2003 at all NCAA Division II institutions is 73 percent, which represents a two percent increase over last

year. The national four-year average increased one percent to 71 percent.

Even when utilizing the less-inclusive federal rate, Division II student-athletes perform significantly better than the general student body. The deferral rate for Division II student-athletes in the 2003 enter class increased one percent to 56 percent while the general student body was 47 percent, a difference of nine percent.

This is the fifth year the NCAA has released the Division ASR. The NCAA developed the Division II ASR at the request of college and university presidents who believed the federal graduation rate was flawed. Division II's ASR date is similar to the Division I Graduation Success Rate as it takes transfer students in account. However, given the partial-scholarship financial aid model of Division II, ASR also includes student-athletes not on athletically related financial aid. The result is that ASR captures more than 34,000 non-scholarship student-athletes.

More than half of Mansfield's 14 athletic programs have been awarded All-Academic Team honors during the past year.



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If you have a story about Sarah or any other spooky resident of North Hall or the MU campus, answer the questions in an email to Guinn. Responses may be used in a future article on the history of campus ghosts.

1. Did you personally experience any encounters with ghosts while you lived, studied, visited, or worked in North Hall? Please provide as many details as you can (floor, room, time of day, etc.).

2. What are some of the ghost stories you've been told, or know, about North Hall?

Be sure to include the year that is associated with your response.

Send your answers by email to [dguinn@mansfield.edu](mailto:dguinn@mansfield.edu) or mail it to: David Guinn, Mansfield University, North Hall Library, 5 Swan Drive, Mansfield, PA 16933.

Include your full name and class year (if applicable). Anonymous submissions will also be accepted.





## FROM YOUR ALUMNI DIRECTOR

### Recent Gatherings

In addition to the annual **Homecoming festivities on October 8 & 9** and the **45th Anniversary Celebration of the Concert Choir November 5-7** Alumni gatherings included:

- MU Alumni and Friends Night at the Williamsport Crosscutters on August 5 was sponsored by Liberty Mutual Insurance. This sold-out event brought 175 alumni, family members and friends together on the Cutter's Cove picnic deck for an evening filled with food, fun, door prizes

and baseball.

- On July 31, MU Athletic Hall of Fame member Rod Pursell '88 and his wife, Donna, hosted the 19th annual "RodBash" at their home near Bethlehem, PA. "RodBash" reunites MU football alumni and friends and raises funds for the sprint football program and the Alumni Association.



- "Mansfield Day in Eagles Mere" took place at the Crestmont Inn on July 28. This special gathering has taken place for over 40 years thanks to the efforts of Ken Lee '48 and Marge Cole Lee '44.

- July 24 marked the date for the "4th Annual Billtown Bash" in Williamsport, PA. Attendees enjoyed a golf outing, a river cruise and a party at the Cell Block. Contact Tony Confer '97 at [confert@comcast.net](mailto:confert@comcast.net) if you are interested in attending the 2011 Bash scheduled for July 23.

Visit the Alumni Website to view photos and videos of the events. <http://alumni.mansfield.edu>, select "Communications" and then "Photo Gallery" or "Video Montages". Enjoy!

### PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program

Have you always dreamed of visiting the National Parks and experiencing a "Wild West" chuck wagon cookout? Pack your bag and join alumni and friends from the PASSHE universities on a 14-day adventure June 23 – July 7. This escorted tour travels through six states beginning in Denver, Colorado and ending in Las Vegas, Nevada. FMI on this adventure and other 2011 tours visit [www.alumnivacations.com](http://www.alumnivacations.com) or call 1-800-506-7447. Be sure to mention that you are associated with Mansfield, to receive special pricing.

### Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

MU on the Road: Sarasota, FL – Saturday, March 5, Luncheon at the Palm-Aire Country Club  
 MU on the Road: Scranton, PA – Saturday, April 9  
 Alumni Weekend 2011: June 10 & 11 Golden Anniversary Celebration for the Class of 1961 and 20th Anniversary Celebration for the Department of Nursing!

Check the [alumni website](http://alumni.mansfield.edu) for updates and additional information.

### Help Wanted

Join MU Admissions staff at a regional reception in your geographical area (PA and NY) to provide potential students and their families with insight about your personal MU experience! FMI: visit <http://alumni.mansfield.edu/receptions> or contact the Alumni Office at [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu) or 888-305-6505. Refer a student to Mansfield at any time by completing the online form at <http://alumni.mansfield.edu/referastudent>. Thank you for your help and recommendations!

### MU Alumni Connections and the Online Community

We continue to receive positive feedback from alumni regarding the e-newsletter. "It's a quick read and keeps me up-to-date on what's happening at Mansfield." If you haven't been receiving the e-newsletter, we probably don't have your current email address on file. Visit <http://alumni.mansfield.edu> and complete the "Update Information" form under "Quick Links".

To become a registered member of the Online Community, locate your personal ID from the mailing label of this Mansfieldian, go to <http://alumni.mansfield.edu> and click on "first time" login.

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## **MANSFIELD On the Road**

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 9 and plan to join us for an evening of food, fun and friends at Mert's! 302 Penn Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503. (570) 969-9100.

There will be a variety of appetizers, a cash bar, great door prizes and a raffle. 6 p.m.-?  
Live music starts at 9 p.m. Dress is casual and reservations are required.

To register and pay online, please visit: <http://alumni.mansfield.edu/Scranton2011>

## ADVANCEMENT UPDATES

**Talbot Endowment** — In 2007, the family of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Talbot chose to honor his successes and 30 years of service through gifts to establish a named endowed scholarship.

Dick is credited for developing and leading an internationally recognized marching band. Under his leadership the Mountie Marching Band was named the first Bicentennial Marching Band in the United States. You may recall his words – “The rule that we had for the band really tells the tale. ‘The rule was that anything that you do should: 1) bring respect to yourself 2) bring respect to your family 3) bring respect to the university. If it doesn’t, then don’t do it. It’s that simple. It’s the only rule we had for the band.’”

Support from alumni and friends is a great way to show your respect for Dick while also showing current and future students how the hard work and generous commitment of instructors like him made an impact on your time at Mansfield and in your career and relationships. We are very close to getting this scholarship endowed! Start the year out by making a gift to support the Talbot Endowment! You can make a gift online at: <http://mansfield.edu/support-mu/> and select “Give Online.”

**Soderberg Endowment** — Thanks to you her legacy continues! The Tamara Soderberg scholarship recently reached the \$10,000 goal and is endowed. You can still support this scholarship endowment for international and non-traditional students by making a gift online at: <http://mansfield.edu/support-mu/> and select “Give Online.”

**Phonathon** — Your generosity makes a difference at MU! Student callers began dialing up support for MU on October 24 and will continue calling through December 9. At the calling half way point over \$87,000 was pledged in support of MU! All total the students are striving to raise more than \$240,000 to support MU.

# MANSFIELDIAN: APRIL 2011

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## ROBERT WEIGAND '95 TO SPEAK AT SPRING COMMENCEMENT



Four-time Emmy Award winner Robert Weigand, a 1995 Mansfield graduate, will be the speaker at Mansfield University's 146th Commencement on Saturday, May 7 at 11 a.m. in Decker Gymnasium.

Weigand is senior manager of project planning and administration at ABC.

## FALL COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATED

Three hundred and thirty-one students received degrees at Mansfield University's Fall Commencement on December 18 in Decker Gymnasium.

D. Keith Palmer, a 1996 MU graduate, was the featured speaker. Palmer is currently serving as the U.S. marketing director for Ethicon, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson Company.



## MU WEBSITE REDESIGNED



Mansfield University's redesigned website was launched in early March.

The new site features easier navigation and has a cleaner, more colorful layout and presentation. Over the coming months, more interactive features involving MU's social networking sites such as Facebook and YouTube will be incorporated.

## MILLER, CARR SCORE PSAC EAST'S TOP HONORS

Men's Basketball Coach Rich Miller was named PSAC East Coach of the Year.

Senior standout Yuseff Carr earned PSAC East Player of the Year honors after the Mountaineers posted their best season since 1997.







**ALUMNI WEEKEND 2011, JUNE 10-11: INFORMATION & REGISTRATION**

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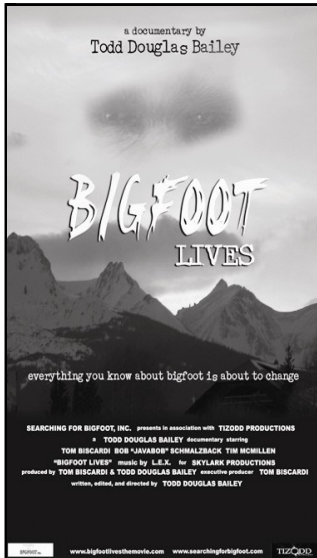
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Answer: *Bigfoot and Todd Douglas Bailey.*

Maybe Bigfoot is a myth, but Todd Douglas Bailey is making a very real impression on the landscape of film production. Bailey graduated from MU in 2003 with a degree in broadcasting and chose to stay in the area. Right away he was hired by WENY-TV, ABC/CBS/CW in Horseheads, NY as the night-side videographer and editor for the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts. He was promoted to chief photographer in April 2005, and later named creative services commercial producer. He now creates commercials, promotions, and other graphics for WENY-TV.



He is also an award-winning director of independent films, including *Bigfoot Lives*, which documents the adventures of a man who has dedicated his life to hunting what most people believe to be a mythical creature. Tromping around after Bigfoot in 2006, Bailey made enough money to make his company, Tizodd Productions, an official LLC ([tizpro.com](http://tizpro.com)). Since *Bigfoot Lives*, he has written, produced, directed, and edited several other short feature films including *The Moretti House*, *Echo*, and the pilot episode of *The Ultimutt Makeover* for Animal Planet. “My next film is a romantic comedy titled *Going Up*—but that’s all I can say about that project right now,” states Bailey.



He’s won awards at the Pocono Mountains Film Festival for *Bigfoot Lives* in 2007 as best documentary, and the fictional *Moretti House* in 2008 for best producer. He also received best director nominations for both. Through his production company, Bailey also shoots and edits videos for special occasions such as formals and weddings, as well as music videos and commercials.

A native of Philadelphia, Bailey chose Mansfield because he had fallen in love with the area as a boy. “My grandfather had been bringing me to Mansfield since I was about 12 years old to go hunting and fishing,” recounts Bailey. “Once I found out that Mansfield had a college, it was my first choice. When I found out there was a Communication Department that made my choice even easier.” Bailey was a broadcasting major right from the start. “It has always been my dream to write, direct, produce, and star in my own films.”

While at MU, Bailey was an active member of WNTV campus radio and the TV Club. He enjoyed all of his hands-on classes, such as TV1 and TV2, Audio Production, and Voice & Articulation.

“Business and Professional Communication was a very influential course for me,” Bailey remembers. “It really prepared me to handle myself within a professional setting. I still use my handbook from this course.” Communication Professor Sue Young remembers how entertaining Bailey was in the classroom. “He had a good sense of

humor,” she says. “Todd was one of those students who knew what his passion was, and he went after it upon graduation.”

Bailey founded the company in 2002 with two other students from MU, Dan Phillips and Andre Bennett. In 2006, the company officially became an LLC and recognized by the U.S. government as a business. His favorite genres are comedy and suspense thrillers, which is why fellow Philadelphian M. Night Shyamalan is his idol. And though *Bigfoot Lives* is a documentary rather than fiction, it’s still a suspense thriller in a way, and Bailey found it the most fun to work on. He spent three weeks following Tom Biscardi around as he investigated various sightings, “visiting places I would have otherwise never seen,” Bailey says.

The film is all first hand accounts from the real people that have experienced these sightings. According to Bailey, “They have no reason to lie about what they have seen. They are not seeking fame or money. They just want to tell people what they saw.” So, what does he think? “I experienced some unexplainable things while filming this documentary, so I tend to keep an open mind on the subject.” *Bigfoot Lives* is available on Netflix streaming.

His most recent film, *Echo*, taught him the most. “I did not write *Echo*, so directing someone else’s script was a new experience for me,” declares Bailey. “Plus it was a huge cast, lots of locations, and a ton of effects. It was by far my most costly and ambitious film to date.” In the film, the daughter of a city mob boss is kidnapped on her way home from work. Her boyfriend and her brother recruit their friend, Will, to help them find her. Both are surprised and slightly alarmed when Will is able to follow a phantom trail.



Will, himself, is surprised at his abilities, and he keeps seeing a figure in reflective surfaces that is attempting to talk to him.



Shot primarily in the Corning/Elmira region, *Echo* debuted on February 27, 2011 at the historic Palace Theater in Corning, NY. Bailey settled in Corning after graduation, while his then fiancé finished her master's degree at MU. He returns to Mansfield speak to classes or at Communication Day. What is his advice to current MU students? "Don't wait for things to happen for you. You have to make them happen. Put yourself and your work out there for anyone and everyone to see." Bailey is currently following his own advice, submitting *Echo* to as many film festivals as possible in hopes a distributor will option it.

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Launius' husband Bruce and daughter Marlo gathered with members of her campus family in front of the Women's Center's new location in Alumni Hall, Room 321 for the event.

"In the name of everything that is beautiful in this world, in the name of everything that is right and good about what people do and what human nature is, we're dedicating this gentle spot to our beloved Margaret," MU President Maravene Loeschke said.

"Margaret's legacy will live on through the center," Judi Brayer, assistant director of admissions and longtime friend, said. "Although future students won't have the privilege of taking one of Margaret's classes, they will benefit from what this Women's Center has to offer and still have the opportunity to be influenced by this great woman."

Also at the ceremony, Judith Sornberger, professor of English, read her poem, [Snapshot of Margaret in the Sunroom](#), written after the two friends were together at a jewelry party last summer.

Campus Minister Deb Casey gave the blessing and several students and colleagues spoke of their memories of Launius. Dusty Zehn, coordinator of Residence Life, organized the ceremony.

For more information on the Dr. Margaret Launius Women's Center, check online at [mansfield.edu/student-affairs/womens-center/](http://mansfield.edu/student-affairs/womens-center/).



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### **-Pennsylvania-**

#### Bethlehem

Emily Horwat '10  
Rich Miller '84

#### Harrisburg

Joyce Cal '94 '97  
John Quashnoc '70  
David Skerpon '82  
Stephenie Gergle Strayer '78

#### King of Prussia

Katie Doyle Parsell '00

#### Lancaster

John Sparmblack '71

#### Lewisburg

Carol Himmelreich Brann '60  
Brian Ulmer '05  
Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04

#### Mansfield

Annette Dutchess '92  
Beverly Wilber Evans '69 '71  
Harland Evans '64 '69  
Brenda Button Freeman '96 '00

#### Philadelphia

Jamie Hall '03  
Roi Ligon '09

#### Sayre

Beverly Wilber Evans '69 '71  
Harland Evans '64 '69  
Sharon Mokrzynski Kendrick '81  
Rebecca Freeland Thornton '01 '02

#### Scranton

Kelly Carey '92 '96  
Erica Naessig Costaldo '06  
Martin Pane '87

#### Williamsport

Amy DuPree Brooks '80  
Denise Dieter '90  
Lori Dotterer '10  
David Ebbert '87

### **-New York-**

#### Binghamton

David Chilson '92  
Teri Goodall-Komer '71  
Dr. Jane McGuire – MU Faculty

#### Rochester

Kimberly Cardone '04  
Gregory Hopkins '09  
Joseph Seroski '07

Syracuse

Lori Bevins Bowers '80

Amy Empet Langham '96

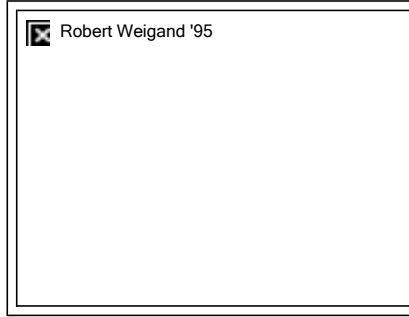
Nichole Canale Moles '99



## ROBERT WEIGAND '95 TO SPEAK AT SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Four-time Emmy Award winner Robert Weigand, a 1995 Mansfield graduate, will be the speaker at Mansfield University's 146th Commencement on Saturday, May 7 at 11 a.m. at Karl Van Norman Field. Weigand is senior manager of project planning and administration at ABC.

"Rob Weigand is a true leader and innovator in his field," MU President Maravene Loeschke said in making the announcement. "He has won four Emmy Awards for his contributions to both programming and technology. Rob is the epitome of the values MU holds dear for its students and alumni. We are honored to have him speak at our Commencement."



Weigand earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications, with an emphasis in Broadcasting, from MU. He was the Communications Department's nominee for outstanding senior. Weigand minored in French and, following his junior year, spent the summer studying abroad in Paris and was honored as an outstanding French student by the MU Foreign Languages Department.

Weigand held the roles of chief engineer and general manager for WNTF-FM radio and participated in Marching Band, Concert Band, Choir and MUTV. He was a member of Phi Sigma Pi national honor fraternity and the recipient of the Garrity and Television Academy scholarships.

While at Mansfield, Weigand worked or interned for all three major television networks – ABC, CBS and NBC. Following graduation, he was hired by NBC, overseeing technical aspects of NBC studios and broadcasts. While continuing to work, he earned a Master's Degree in Television Management from Boston University in 2000.

Hired as technical manager at the ABC Television Network in 2004, Weigand managed all technical facilities and personnel for ABC's primary news production control room and studio in New York City, which included *World News*, *Primetime*, *20/20* and ABC News special events. In 2006, he received a duPont-Columbia Award for excellence in journalism for his work on the ABC news coverage of the death of Pope John Paul II.

Weigand was promoted to manager of special projects at ABC in 2007. His responsibilities expanded to include researching, developing and implementing new technology and more efficient production methods as well as planning large, live broadcast projects for the network. His work has taken him all over the world to participate in broadcasts including Olympic and World Cup coverage, presidential election coverage, Super Bowls, U.S. Opens, *Saturday Night Live* and portions of the Oscars, among others.

Weigand won an Emmy for his part in engineering a way to broadcast live from a moving train over the course of a week for *Good Morning America*, something never before accomplished in the broadcast world. Facilities included gyro stabilized satellite and microwave transmission technology, broadband internet connectivity, phone lines, video editing and live streaming video from the train.

In 2010, Weigand was promoted to senior manager of project planning and administration and he has been working to establish the Project Management Office within ABC.

His new department oversees the capital projects undertaken by the technology and operations area of the network. These efforts focus on building new facilities such as television studios, control rooms, edit facilities and new means of distributing content. Weigand took this opportunity to influence and shape the network for the future as it endeavors to stay competitive in an ever changing and evolving media landscape.

In the event of inclement weather, Commencement will take place in Decker Gymnasium.

## FALL COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATED

Three hundred and thirty-one students received degrees at Mansfield University's Fall Commencement on December 18 in Decker Gymnasium.

D. Keith Palmer, a 1996 MU graduate, was the speaker. Palmer is U.S. marketing director for Ethicon, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson Company.

To see Palmer's entire speech, go to [youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity](https://www.youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity)

Also at the ceremony, Pennsylvania State Representative Matt Baker was presented with an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree.

Annie Cooper, who recently retired as Director of Multicultural Affairs, was presented with the first Diversity Ally Award.

Vice-Chair Robert Strohecker '91 spoke on behalf of the Council of Trustees, John Quashnoc '70, president of the Alumni Association, gave the alumni greeting and President William Brown represented the Student Government Association.

For more on this story, [click here](#).



## MU WEBSITE REDESIGNED

Mansfield University's redesigned website was launched in early March.



The new site features easier navigation and has a cleaner, more colorful layout and presentation. Over the coming months, more interactive features involving MU's social networking sites such as Facebook and YouTube will be incorporated.

"Most prospective students and their parents make their initial contact with schools through a university's website," Peter Keller, senior vice president and provost, said. "I believe our new website will make a very positive impression and allow us to engage students and parents to tell them the Mansfield story. It will also help us more effectively serve our current

students, as well as faculty, staff, alumni and friends."

"We're excited about our new webpage," Brian Barden, executive director of Enrollment Services, said. "It features the best of our University—our students and academic programs. The main page will focus on recruitment, promoting the University to prospective students and parents. It's colorful, engaging, and a great recruitment resource."

A group of current MU students were given a chance to preview the new site and, according to Barden, they were "overwhelmingly enthusiastic" about the new design.

Keller and Barden praised the MU Campus Technologies (CT) Department, which completed the redesign completely in-house. They also credited the Public Relations (PR) Department, which supplied photos and editorial content. The Web Advisory Group (WAG), made of representatives from CT, PR and Enrollment Services, oversaw the redesign.

"A lot of time and energy has gone into this project," Keller said. "Working together, the Mansfield way, is a story unto itself."

To view the new website, go to [mansfield.edu](http://mansfield.edu).

## MILLER, CARR SCORE PSAC EAST'S TOP HONORS



Men's Basketball Coach Rich Miller was named PSAC East Coach of the Year and senior standout Yuseff Carr earned PSAC East Player of the Year honors after the Mountaineers posted their best season since 1997.

Miller led MU to the PSAC East regular season title and the program's first NCAA Tournament bid since '97 with an 18-10 record, 10-4 in the PSAC East.

Carr averaged 16.2 points and 7.3 rebounds a game for the Mountaineers. The six-six senior also earned All-ECAC and NABC All-Atlantic honors.

He was joined on the All-PSAC East squad by teammates Derrison Anthony on the first team and Tony Fannick on the second team.

On the women's side, junior Mallory Moore earned All-PSAC East first team and All-ECAC second team honors after averaging 16 points and eight rebounds a game. She is now second on MU's all-time scoring list with 1,428 points.

For all the latest Mountaineers sports news, scores and schedule information, go to [GoMounties.com](http://GoMounties.com).



## Alumni Weekend 2011

Message Boards

### Event Description - Alumni Weekend 2011

**Alumni Weekend** is a special time for alumni and friends to gather together - so mark it on your calendar and join your friends and classmates on campus **June 10 and 11, 2011**.

**Interested in finding out who's coming** to Alumni Weekend 2011? [Click here](#) to view a list of registrations, organized in chronological order by class year. This list is updated daily (pending registrations received).

**Honored guests will include** the **Class of 1961**, **Society of Honors** inductees (Elsie Burk Service - [Steven Crawford '81](#), Alumni Citation - [C. Frederick LaVancher '64](#), Distinguished Educator - [Mindy Miller Rottmund '81](#), Outstanding Young Alumnus - [Robert Weigand '95](#)) and **Music Honor Roll** inductees ([Amy Taylor Story '80 '85M](#) and [Brian Story '78 '84M](#)), **retired faculty, graduates and faculty associated with the Nursing programs** (BSN and MSN), as well as all classes with years ending in **1** and **6**. **Class of 1971** - [click here](#) to read a special invitation from classmate Michael J. Reid '71!

There's a full schedule of activities planned with plenty of opportunities to get reacquainted and to see what's new and exciting at Mansfield.

### Friday, June 10

The annual Alumni **Golf Tournament** will be held at the Corey Creek Golf Club with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds from the competition help fund athletic scholarships for Mansfield University students. Entry fee covers all fees, most contests (duffers, skins and mulligans) and includes lunch. The "Kappa" challenge continues....

FMI contact Roger Maisner, director of athletics at [rmaisner@mansfield.edu](mailto:rmaisner@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4636 or Kris Decker, [kdecker@mansfield.edu](mailto:kdecker@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4466.



If you've heard about [Zumba](#), the calorie-burning dance fitness workout, but haven't tried it yet, what are you waiting for? Grab a towel and a bottle of water, and head to the [Kelchner Fitness Center](#) to give Zumba a try!

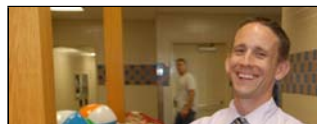
The **Yoga** class scheduled to follow Zumba has been cancelled.

Throughout the day there will be student-hosted **tours of North Hall**, **bus tours of campus** and you'll want to save some time for shopping at the [Campus Bookstore](#) located in Alumni Hall.

This year we are inviting current and retired faculty and graduates of our **Nursing** programs to join us on campus to celebrate! The **BSN** program began in 1987 with the first class graduating **20 years** ago in 1991. It is also the **5th anniversary** of the **MSN** program. Experience a new technology "**human patient simulation**" that helps prepare nursing students to treat human patients by using life-size mannequins that cough, breathe, have a pulse and can even talk!

The "**Lunch & Learn**" scheduled for Friday at 11:30 a.m. has been cancelled.

On Friday afternoon MU President Dr. Maravene Loeschke will host a **reception and house tour** at the **President's residence** to honor the history of Nursing at Mansfield. We invite everyone to help us celebrate.



**Lobsterfest!** The tradition continues... Join us for a delicious feast of lobster, shrimp and Steamship Round of Beef. Sit back, relax, and savor the delicious food and the wonderful company. And then you'll find it hard to keep your toes from tapping when **Joe Cavallaro's Dixieland Jazz Band** strikes up the tunes. **Greeks** and friends are invited to **Changos Cantina** located at 21 N Main Street. Cash bar and DJ featuring your favorite dance tunes from the 70s and 80s. Wear your letters!



### **Saturday, June 11**

Following the **Class Meetings** and **Class Photos**, we'll be honoring class years ending in **1** and **6** with special recognition for the **Class of 1961**, retired faculty and the newest members of the Alumni Society of Honors and the Music Honor Roll at **Saturday's Luncheon**. Reunion classes will be seated together.



Following lunch, there will be student-hosted **tours of North Hall**, guided **bus tours of campus** and the annual **Create Your Own Ice Cream Sundae**.

Be prepared to enjoy the Eighth Annual College Place **Tennis Ball Race** – a FUNdraising (spectator) event to benefit the MU Women's Soccer Team! Contact Coach Tim Dempsey for more information [tdempsey@mansfield.edu](mailto:tdempsey@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4454.

Saturday evening's meal will feature an **Italian-themed buffet**, and following dinner we'll be treated to a very special performance by the **MU Concert Choir** under the direction of Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, Director of Choral Activities. The choir will be preparing for their 14-day tour of the United Kingdom in July where they will take part in the 2011 International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales. We've invited the choir members to join us for dessert and coffee after the concert. Let's show them our support and send them off to the UK with a warm "**Mansfield, Hail!**"

### **Special Events**

Alumni are invited to use the **Kelchner Fitness Center** on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Most equipment will be available to alumni free of charge. When you arrive on campus, check your registration packet for hours of operation. Bicycles will be available to rent for \$5 per person, per day. Zumba and Yoga will be offered on Friday morning for \$5 per person, per class (see above).



**Bicycle** the scenic **Pine Creek Trail** in the beautiful **Pennsylvania Grand Canyon**.

Contact John at **Pine Creek Outfitters** (5142 Rt 6, 11 miles west of Wellsboro) 570-724-3003 to make a reservation (mention MU Alumni Weekend 2011). The \$30 fee includes bicycle, 17-mile self-guided journey to Blackwell (approx. 3 hours), and a return shuttle from Blackwell to Pine Creek Outfitters. Open daily 9 AM – 6 PM. Be sure to bring your camera to capture photos of the beautiful flora and fauna! Visit <http://www.visittiogapa.com/> and [mansfield.org](http://mansfield.org) for more things to see and do in Tioga County, PA.

**Registration for Alumni Weekend 2011 has closed.**

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## FROM YOUR ALUMNI DIRECTOR



Summer is just around the corner so now's the time to make plans for summer travel and activities!

Join your friends and classmates on campus June 10 and 11 for Alumni Weekend 2011! We'll be celebrating all classes with years ending in 1 and 6, and special events on Friday will honor the history of Nursing at Mansfield. At Saturday's Reunion luncheon we will honor the Class of 1961 (celebrating their Golden Anniversary), retired faculty and administrators, the 2011 Society of Honors Inductees: Elsie Burk Service, Steven Crawford '81; Alumni Citation, Fred LaVancher '64; Distinguished Educator, Mindy Miller Rottmund '81; Outstanding Young Alumnus, Rob Weigand '95; and the Music Honor Roll Inductees: Amy Taylor Story '80 and Brian Story '74 '84M. Saturday evening the award-winning MU Concert Choir will perform!

Complete details and on-line registration at [alumni.mansfield.edu/AW2011](http://alumni.mansfield.edu/AW2011).

The "5th Annual Billtown Bash" will be held Saturday, July 23 in Williamsport, PA. Tony Confer '97 is planning a full day of activities. FMI [confert@comcast.net](mailto:confert@comcast.net)

The annual "Mansfield Day in Eagles Mere" luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3 at the Crestmont Inn. Contact the Alumni Office to register.

Our beautiful campus is the ideal location for **summer youth camps**. Check the MU website to learn more about enrichment programs in art, music and more for ages 6-19 ([ccl.mansfield.edu/camps/](http://ccl.mansfield.edu/camps/)) and for individual and team athletic camps in baseball, basketball and soccer ([gomounties.com](http://gomounties.com)).

Nearly 200 academic courses will be offered during two **summer sessions**. Many courses are completely online so you can participate from almost anywhere! If you or someone you know needs a class to get ahead or catch up, check out [summer.mansfield.edu](http://summer.mansfield.edu).

### Recent Gatherings

**Delta Zeta** sorority celebrated 45 years of sisterhood at Mansfield on March 18 & 19. The Alumni Association presented Susan Fellows Standefer '68, founding president, and Sarah Hartranft, current president, with a commemorative plaque in recognition of the Iota Theta chapter's founding in 1966. A scholarship has been established in memory of Karen Starner Jacobson '69 '86, who served as chapter advisor for 40 years. Check the [Alumni website](#) for complete story.

Alumni and friends enjoyed a gathering at the Palm-Aire Country Club in **Sarasota, Florida** on March 5. Mary Bensef '74, executive director of the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall was the featured speaker at the popular event organized by Donna Congdon Mokrzyński '55 and Don Stanton '53. Next year's luncheon is scheduled for March 3, 2012. Congratulations to door prize winners Bernard '61 and Sandra Young-Snyder Hahnke '62!

Former **MU men's basketball players**, coaches and support staff reunited in Mansfield on Saturday, February 19 and helped cheer on the Mounties to a victory over Shippensburg. They received a special welcome at the game and enjoyed a festive postgame reception. Former player Bob Stackhouse '62 and his wife, Sharon Schlappi Stackhouse '62, former cheerleader, took home the door prize.

### News

The North Hall Library is pleased to announce that past issues of Mansfield's beloved yearbook, the **Carontawan** (1918-1990), have been digitized and are available to view online and can be downloaded to your Kindle! Click here to visit the [Carontawan Online](#). Enjoy!

### MU Alumni Connections and the Online Community

To get current **university and alumni happenings** delivered directly to your inbox, be sure we have your email address on file! Visit [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu) and complete the "Update Information" form under "Quick Links."

To become a **registered member of the Online Community**, locate your personal ID from the mailing label of this Mansfieldian, go to [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu) and click on 'first time' login.

**Save the Date:** Homecoming 2011, October 7-8

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## **ADVANCEMENT UPDATES**

Join others in supporting the Van W. Emmons Sr. & Katherine R. Emmons '72 Scholarship for Social Work!

Van W. Emmons was a life-long resident of the Cowanesque Valley in Tioga County. He attended Mansfield State Teachers College as a music major in 1941. From 1980 until his death in 1989 Mr. Emmons served as the Tioga County Commissioner. As a public servant he worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for Tioga County residents. He did this by promoting industry and employment opportunities, housing, better local government agencies and social welfare. Mr. Emmons considered it a privilege to be part of a County with such a rich history and natural beauty and firmly believed that Mansfield University was a positive major asset for the people of Tioga County.

## CLASS NOTES

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### Margaret Brainard Pitcher

celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 1. She attributes her successful life to family, faith, healthy living and fun. After graduating from Mansfield State Teachers College, she taught in a one-room school house in Ghent, PA. Margaret later became a homemaker and raised five children.

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**Maybelle Woodin Golis** was honored by the Montrose Adult School as one of the “Legacy Ladies” during March, Women's History Month. The school holds an annual program honoring women in Susquehanna County, PA who have inspired and influenced the area with their talent and service.

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### Robert English

was selected by the Venango (PA) Area Chamber of Commerce as its Citizen of the Year for 2010. Bob is a Music Ed alumnus who began his involvement in the local music heritage nearly 70 years ago.

### Richard Mix

along with his late wife, **Miriam Swan Mix '49**, authored “A Bicentennial Postcard History of Williamsport” which contains postcards and illustrations of pre-World War I Williamsport, PA, and the region. The book was published by the Lycoming County Genealogical Society in time for the City of Williamsport's bicentennial in 2006. See [www.historicwilliamsport.com/archives/544](http://www.historicwilliamsport.com/archives/544)

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### George Litzenberg

of Sylvania, GA, has retired at the top level of the US Civil Service, having worked on a White House Special Project for 4 years. He was dir. of security for the Independent Counsel investigating the Iran Sales/Contra Diversion and managed several programs at FBIHQ, managing a staff of almost 600. He has appeared on radio talk shows and lectured to community groups., colleges and service clubs. George says of MU, “...my education there is what gave me the tools I needed to be successful in my career. [georgelitzenbergjr@msn.com](mailto:georgelitzenbergjr@msn.com)

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### Edward Marvin

is looking forward to the class reunion in June. Ed writes, “Fifty years ago this occasion was not on my radar screen...It is with appreciation that I thank the classmates for 'stepping up to the plate' and giving as they could for our class gift!” He lives at 1627 Hawks Ridge, San Antonio, TX 78248. [elmarv@swbell.net](mailto:elmarv@swbell.net)

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### Stephen Wallace

taught at Bloomsburg (PA) Dept. of Music from 67 through 98, when he retired. He served as dept. chairperson for 15 years, dir. of bands, theory instructor, and brass teacher. Stephen is still active musically in the Knoxville, TN area. [xmusicprof@hotmail.com](mailto:xmusicprof@hotmail.com)

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### Henry “Bud” Hulser

was inducted in to the Chemung County (NY) Sports Hall of Fame in December 2010 for his accomplishments as a standout high school player in football, basketball and baseball. Bud later played basketball at MU. He went on to coach boys basketball at Southside HS (Elmira) from 64 to 72, and was athletic manager for 18 years. He was a volunteer ass't coach at Notre Dame HS from 00 to 05. Bud is a retired social studies teacher and guidance counselor.

### Richard Schiavo

taught public school music in PA and NJ from 64 until retiring in 95. He writes: “My avocation was aviation. I was a pilot/flight instructor from 70 to 95. From 95 to 98, I taught saxophone, performed in the Haddonfield Saxophone Quartet, the Wind Symphony of So. New Jersey, and various Big Bands and pit orchestras. My wife Carol and I moved to Florida in 98 and worked as cast members with the Walt Disney World Resort until 06, when we relocated in Las Vegas, NV. I occasionally perform in two Big Bands and enjoy a new hobby – photography. Carol and I like to check out the various dining and entertainment venues throughout the Vegas Valley...we take to the road and hike in the national and local parks of Nevada, Utah and Arizona.

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### Linda Etter Long

co-produced and hosted 4-minute videos in NYC about where to get a good plant-based meal that featured celebrities, authors, master chefs and musicians at vegan and non-vegan restaurants. Check out [www.veganhotspot.com](http://www.veganhotspot.com) for more info and to see the video.

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### Thomas Hubba

is living in Naples, FL, and can be contacted at [tomhubba@aol.com](mailto:tomhubba@aol.com)

### Larry Smith

lives in Mansfield, PA, and can be contacted at [lds2015@yahoo.com](mailto:lds2015@yahoo.com)

**Janell Himes Zimansky**

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**Sheri Beam**

is living in Newport News, VA, and can be contacted at [s.f.beam@nasa.gov](mailto:s.f.beam@nasa.gov)

**Tim Young**

writes: "I won the Player of the Year award in '71. I was president of College Players, a member of Alpha Psi Omega and Readers Theatre whose advisor was the amazing Arlie Parks. I was also nominated for best actor for my role of Littlechap in our production of 'Stop the World – I Want to Get off.'" Tim and **Bonnie Mowers '71** were married and had a son, Adam. "We are now divorced," writes Tim, "but remain true Mansfield friends."

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**Marcia Owen Shinn,**

Roaring Branch, PA, is the third of three generations to graduate from MU. [mshinn@frontiernet.net](mailto:mshinn@frontiernet.net)

**Patrick Ritter**

resides at 1120 Cherry St., Williamsport, PA 17701. He is a Vietnam veteran and earned a MA in psychology at Bucknell U (PA). [parpar1947@yahoo.com](mailto:parpar1947@yahoo.com)

**Mark Weisgold**

lives at 31 Iruzim, Givat Avni 15227 in Israel. He writes: "Hi to all my old friends. Feel free to write me anytime. I would really like to hear from you." [mweisgold@yahoo.com](mailto:mweisgold@yahoo.com)

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**Frank Koehler**

writes: "...after 36 years of service in local government, I will be retiring to pursue other interests. I have set up a consulting firm – Frank J. Koehler and Associates, - and will focus on economic development initiatives for local government. I am also looking to become involved with charities, foundations and not-for-profits in fundraising and management endeavors."

**Stephen Metzger**

can be contacted at [smetzger@henry.k12.va.us](mailto:smetzger@henry.k12.va.us)

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**Jerome Wood M'78**

has been named a trustee to the Phi Sigma Kappa National Foundation Board. The 22-member volunteer board dedicates its efforts to creating a sustainable financial future for Phi Sigma Kappa, a national fraternity with headquarters in Indianapolis, IN. [phisigmakappa.org](http://phisigmakappa.org).

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**Bernard Bruni,**

executive director of PA Gold Gloves, sends a big hello to Prof. Ted Ryan. Bernard lives at 500 Morea Rd., New Boston, PA 17948 [bruno66@ptd.net](mailto:bruno66@ptd.net)

**John Jones**

is serving a fourth term as mayor of Mount Carmel Borough. He is head coach for girls track and field and x-country at Southern Columbia. John plans to retire from coaching and teaching in June after 32 years. He lives at 28 East Ave., Mount Carmel, PA 17851 [kevjones@ptd.net](mailto:kevjones@ptd.net)

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**Robert Maloney**

is living in Jackson, MI

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**Joann Long Benson**

has been teaching in the Maryland public schools for more than 15 years. She has recently been asked to write a blog for the Early Childhood Music and Movement Association. Joann writes: "I'd love to have comments, input and questions from the talented folks that have gone through the Mansfield music department." Here's the link:

[http://www.ecmma.org/blog/notes\\_from\\_the\\_music\\_classroom](http://www.ecmma.org/blog/notes_from_the_music_classroom)

**Michael Remillard**

is starting his third year at So. Maine Medical Center and "...using the research skills I learned as a graduate student in the MSC Music Dept. every single day. Many thanks to all my professors! I no longer am an active musician, but I am still an active listener. CD's are much lighter than tubas!" Mike is living at 240 Granite St., Biddeford, ME 04005 [mtractor@zwi.net](mailto:mtractor@zwi.net)

**Robert Winch**

sends a note to new students: "Stay positive and keep the course while working to get your degree. Remember anything is possible...but you must work hard and get good grades. Be disciplined. Enjoy your time at a great university." Robert lives at 715B N. Market St., Elizabethtown, PA 17022. His Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/robert.winch>

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### **Steven Crawford**

chief of staff to former Governor, Ed Rendell, has joined S.R. Wojdak & Associates as Managing Vice President, the company announced on February 15, 2011. Crawford served as Rendell's Chief of Staff and Secretary of Legislative Affairs over the last eight years, capping off a 25-year public service career.

### **Eric Rasmussen**

is teaching music for Baltimore Symphony's ORCHkids outreach program. He was included in the 60 Minutes broadcast on May 16 recognizing one of the first El Sistema (VZ) type programs in the US. He writes: "See this cutting edge music education live or at [www.cbsnews.com](http://www.cbsnews.com) and visit [www.bsomusic.org/orchkids](http://www.bsomusic.org/orchkids)." [rizzrazz@aol.com](mailto:rizzrazz@aol.com)

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### **James Kimmel**

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### **William Squier**

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### **Mary Calistri Geise**

can be contacted at [marygeise@comcast.net](mailto:marygeise@comcast.net)

### **Michael Heil**

resides in Silver Spring, MD.

### **Todd Hoskins**

president of Ozark Express, Inc., has been recognized by *Cambridge Who's Who* for demonstrating his leadership in business management. Todd oversees the selling of sports merchandise and equipment through his company's website. He is also a private baseball and women's softball instructor.

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### **David Donlick**

can be contacted at [ddonlick@yahoo.com](mailto:ddonlick@yahoo.com)

### **Martin Pane**

has been named by the US Marshals Service as the Acting US Marshal for the Middle District of PA. He began his career with the Marshals in 1988 and was first assigned to the District of NJ, Newark Office. In 1992, he transferred to the Middle District of PA, Scranton Office.

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### **Dhammika Attygalle**

of Colombo-3, Sri Lanka, has been appointed by the Cabinet as Advisor to Civil Aviation Minister Priyankara Jayaratne. Attygalle is an Upali Group of Companies director and was in charge of aviation.

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### **R. Scott Jeffery**

has accepted the position of superintendent at Old Forge (PA) SD. Previously, he was principal for Blue Ridge HS in the Western Wayne SD.

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### **Craig Comiskey**

was recognized by the Middlesex Borough Police Dept. for not missing a day of work due to illness since he was hired in 95. Craig is the department's traffic safety officer.

### **Yoshiyuki Handa**

is living in Yokohama, Japan, and can be contacted at [pennpaka@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:pennpaka@yahoo.co.jp)

### **Chris Johannessen**

is analytics product manager for GSI Commerce, King of Prussia, PA, after successful runs as analytics product mgr. for NBC Universal and General Electric. He now oversees GSI Commerce products for analytics, search and related technologies. Chris has been a featured speaker at industry and academic conferences, most recently at the Wharton School, and counts 3 US patent applications as an internet technologist and marketer. Chris recently became a father for the fourth time. New son Lloyd joins siblings Colin, Dylan and Liliana as part of the Johannessen household in Allentown, PA. Chris would like to hear from MU classmates, especially Flashlight and WNTe alums 86-90. You can follow him on Twitter @measurefuture or email [cody.papa@gmail.com](mailto:cody.papa@gmail.com)

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### **Kathleen Reagan**

who completed the Masters program in Community/Clinical Psychology at MU, recently published a book entitled *Stop Suffering Needlessly – How to Quickly Recover from Depression*. It's available on Amazon and Kindle.

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**Daniel Blamar**

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**Melody Emerson-Basta**

is teaching inner city students at Scott HS in Toledo, OH. She is currently teaching geometry, algebra and consumer mathematics to students with learning disabilities. She can be found on Facebook.

**Michele Hosey Jenkins**

can be reached at [mhjenkins@radford.edu](mailto:mhjenkins@radford.edu)

**Benjamin '06M and Nicole Smith '02 '05 Schea** of Mansfield, PA, welcomed a daughter in November 2010

[coley\\_514@yahoo.com](mailto:coley_514@yahoo.com)

**01**

**Suzanne Yeager '01 and Michael Litzenberger '00** are expecting their second child in September. They have a son, Benjamin, who is 3.

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**02**

**Rebecca Dunbar**

and William Davenport have announced their engagement. Will and Rebecca were high school sweethearts, and both graduated from Cowanesque Valley HS in Westfield, PA. Rebecca is operations manager at Cox's Northern Tier Harley-Davidson in Mansfield, PA. Will is assistant superintendent at the Corning (NY) Country Club. They plan a September wedding.

**Jessica Yoder Grohmann**

lives in Milford, PA, and can be contacted at [naturegirlh2o@yahoo.com](mailto:naturegirlh2o@yahoo.com)

**Annie Metarko**

of Blossburg, PA, recently accepted the position of Public Relations and Fundraising coordinator for the Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Tioga County Area Agency on Aging. Annie was previously employed in the communications div. of Little League Baseball and Softball in Williamsport, PA.

**Jennifer Krebs**

and Adam Robinson were married at St. Mary's of the Lake Church in Watkins Glen, NY on July 30, 2010. Jennifer is a teacher for Horseheads SD, and Adam is a teacher for Elmira SD.

**Audrey Szychulski**

was named executive director of the Erie (PA) Philharmonic in August 2010. Previously, she worked for the Norwalk (CT) Symphony Orchestra in the same role. The Erie Philharmonic will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013. Audrey plays violin, viola and cello.

**Angelina Vicchiotti**

resides in York, PA and can be contacted at [angie\\_vicchiotti@yahoo.com](mailto:angie_vicchiotti@yahoo.com)

**Colene Smith Yakamook**

married Michael Yakamook in August 2010 [colenes74@yahoo.com](mailto:colenes74@yahoo.com)

**03**

**Tim Mulroy**

and wife Christina welcomed a new addition to their family in early 2011, Zackery Michael.

**04**

**Emilee Danielson**

'06M received the Outstanding Volunteer Award of the Asso. of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors in 2010. Emilee is the director of fraternity and sorority life at Shippensburg U (PA).

**Mark Gendle**



and **Jennifer Nelson '05 Gendle** were married at the Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, SC in Sept. 2010. Jennifer is employed by the advertising firm Eric Mower and Associates and Mark is employed by American City Business Journals. They reside in Charlotte, NC.

**Diana Rizzo Petlock**

and husband Josh welcomed son Caleb in March. Diana writes: "Everyone is doing great!"

**05**

**Melissa Recchiuti Gibson**

will be climbing Grand Teton mountain in Wyoming this August to support "Summit for Someone," a special program run by the Big City Mountaineers (BCM) that enhances the lives of under-resourced urban teens through transformative outdoor experiences. In addition to the challenge of the climb, Melissa must raise funds for BCM. You can support the program by making a tax-deductible donation through Melissa's donation page: <http://www.summitforsomeone.org/main.php?page=4&climber=7884>. All donations go directly to BCM, and donors/sponsors will be promoted on the helmet Melissa wears during her climb. For more info: [summitforsomeone.org/main.php](http://summitforsomeone.org/main.php).

**06**

**Brandon DeShields**

has been added to the roster of Harrisburg Horizon professional basketball team. The Horizon is the most successful team of the Eastern Basketball Alliance, having won the championship 7 consecutive years beginning in 2002.

**Heather Gorman**

Chester, NY, is engaged to Nicholas Pemberton. Heather is a music teacher for the Ithaca (NY) City SD. Nicholas also works for the Ithaca City SD and for the Franziska Racker Center. They plan to marry in July.

**Victoria Leone**

and **John Vestal '07**, both of Albany, NY, have announced their engagement. Victoria is an administrative assistant at the College of Saint Rose, Albany, and John is employed as an administrator at Keohane and D'Alessandro law firm while pursuing a master's degree in sports administration at Canisius College, Buffalo, NY. A June wedding is planned.

**07**

**Jordan Brown**

and Nichole Johnson, both of Jersey Shore, PA, are engaged. Nichole is a teacher for the Williamsport (PA) Area SD and Jordon is employed by First Quality Products.

**Karen Bertsche Emery**

and husband **Justin** welcomed twins Lucia and Seth in December 2010. The Emery family resides in Wellsboro, PA.

**Jesse Haines**

is working in Sofia, Bulgaria. He lives at Mladost 4, Blok 425, Entr 5, ap. 56, Sofia 1715, Bulgaria [jessethaines@gmail.com](mailto:jessethaines@gmail.com)

**Jonathan Hummel**

is living at 253 Rochelle Ave, Apt 3, Philadelphia, PA 19128 [hummeljd@gmail.com](mailto:hummeljd@gmail.com)

**08**

**Taylor Eck**

of Montoursville, PA, and **Samantha Goldthwait '10**, of Big Flats, NY, have announced their engagement. Samantha is a communications and outreach specialist with the Institute of Human Services, Bath, NY, while Taylor is deputy sheriff for the York County (PA) Sheriff's Office. They plan a wedding in October.

**R. Jack Jones**

recently joined Alfred State College (NY) as an instructor in building trades. He teaches construction essentials to freshmen and seniors. Jack also operates a general contracting business

**Hannah Killian**

received her MED in School Library Science from Clarion U (PA) in December 2010.

**Lori Mistifer**

Liberty, PA, and Shane Bower, Blossburg, PA, are engaged. Lori is a substitute teacher for the Southern Tioga (PA) SD and Shane is employed as a laborer with RSJ Technology, Canton, Pa. An October wedding is planned.

**Jarrod York**

opened Yorkholo Brewing Co in February on North Main St. in Mansfield, PA. In addition to their home brews, the company serves PA wine and local foods and offers live entertainment.

**09**

**Ashlee Renee Criss**

and Joshua Burrell, both of Millerton, PA, announce their engagement. Ashlee is employed with Chemung Canal Trust Co. and Joshua has traveled with "The Burrell Family" Southern-Gospel group for 12 years. They are planning a June wedding.

**Richard Basler**

has been named Director of Community Engagement for Penn State Erie, The Behrend College.

**Jeremy Furman**

Cogan Station, PA. and Melissa Knott, Williamsport, PA, announce their engagement. Melissa is pursuing a nursing degree at MU, while Jeremy is employed by Alert One. An August wedding is being planned.

**Emily Ostrom Graham**

and Shawn Graham were married on the shoreline of Pine Creek in August 2010. The couple resides in Morris, PA.

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**Kayla Bryant**

Lawrenceville, PA is engaged to Jeffrey Smith, Penn Yan, NY. Both are employed by Kraft Foods. The couple plan to marry in September.

**Kerri Grewe**

of Paupack Township, PA, and **Shaun Stuart** of Dalton, PA, have announced their plans to be married in June. Both are music ed grads who are currently substitute teaching.

**Faculty Notes**

**Adam Brennan**

Music, was inducted into the Marian Catholic High School (Chicago Heights, IL) Hall of Fame in February at the Olympia Fields Country Club.

**TO VIEW ALL CLASS NOTES, [CLICK HERE](#)**

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Marjorie Lewis Bly '36  
Ellen E. Bustin '39  
LaRene Thomas Ayres '43  
Kenneth B. Lee '48  
Carmen C. Cavuto '49  
Margie Shafer Hartman '50  
James C. Phillips '50  
John R. Rossbacher '51  
Emily Kneiss George '52  
Dorothy Capron Dyson '54  
Albert Mamary '55  
Stephen D. Mott '56  
Joseph T. Linkoski '57  
Robert E. Dibble '58  
Clifton G. Kreamer '59  
Richard H. Dunn '61  
Donald R. Saunders '62  
David L. Howell '65  
Ernest J. Shartle '67  
Michael N. Brutzman '69  
Karen Starner Jacobson '69 '86  
Kathy Robinson Adams '73  
Robert J. Adamec '74  
Dorothy H. Smichowski '85  
Janice Tomes Beck '87

### ***Faculty***

Carolyn Bailey

### ***Retired Faculty***

J. Bruce Davis III  
Raymond F. Paskvan  
Lois A. Vore

### ***Former Faculty***

Carol Schwartz

### ***Former Staff***

Edith N. Hunsicker

### ***Friends***

Jobyna Judson

# MANSFIELDIAN August 2011

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The full MU Concert Choir captured second place in both the mixed choir and youth choir categories of the competition, which features ensembles from all over the world.

"I am so proud to report how beautifully the Concert Choir sang in all five categories in which they participated," Peggy Dettwiler, director of Choral Activities said. "Mansfield University can be very proud of the achievement of our students."

Among the judges' comments on the Women's Choir's first place performance were: "A beautiful transparent and elegant sound texture was created and dynamics were rendered true to the integrity of the style period ... Elegant conducting ... Dynamics were rendered very carefully with great Insight ... Performed with panache and true to style."



To watch Mansfield's winning performance and all of MU's performances at the festival go to [llangollen.tv/en/groups/cor-prifysgol-mansfield/](http://llangollen.tv/en/groups/cor-prifysgol-mansfield/)

Mansfield also had six soloists qualify to perform. Derrek Stark, a junior from Bath NY, placed third among all singers in the 21 and over category.

Making the Mansfield contingent's performances all the more remarkable was the fact that the Choir and their travel party were evicted from their Wales hotel which was forced to close due to financial difficulties. The Mansfield group relocated to another hotel, scrambling to get several soloists to their competitions in cabs, and, as the saying goes "never missed a beat."

"We made headlines on radio, TV, and in the newspaper," Dettwiler said. "A story for a soap opera."

The 14-day tour included performances and sightseeing in England and Ireland.

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The Class of 1961, celebrating its 50th anniversary, was this year's honored guests. Thirty-five members of the class returned to MU and were recognized, along with retired faculty, graduates and faculty associated with the Nursing program, administrators and staff at a luncheon on Saturday. The Class of 1961 endowed a scholarship fund as a special gift to the University.

Also honored at the luncheon were this year's Society of Honors award winners. **C. Frederick LaVancher '64** received the Alumni Citation Award. **Steven Crawford '81** was presented with the Elsie Burke Service Award. **Robert Weigand '95** was named this year's Outstanding Young Alumni. The Distinguished Educator Award was presented to **Mindy Miller Rottmund '81**.

**Amy Taylor Story '80 '85M** and **Brian Story '78 '84M** were inducted into the Music Honor Roll.

"Mansfield is not the place it was when you were here, nor should it be," President Maravene Loeschke told the luncheon gathering. "But the values that you remember and cherish, the values you found here that shaped your lives, are still here today and we build on them with our every breath."



The weekend also featured several social events — offering opportunities to renew acquaintances and make new ones, a special performance by the MU Concert Choir, a Zumba session, and a presentation by the nursing faculty. There was also a mixer for alumni of Greek organizations and an alumni golf tournament at Corey Creek Golf Club, which serves as a fundraiser for athletic scholarships. The team of Mark Wright '87, Scott Weaver '89, Donnie Robbins and Bryan Root were this year's winners.

To see photos from Alumni Weekend, [click here](#). To view a video montage, [click here](#).

Mark your calendars for Alumni Weekend 2012 on June 8 & 9.

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John Cavanaugh, chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education attended, saying, "No matter what happens to you in the rest of your life, the degree that you get today is something no one, and no event, can ever take away from you." "Take that knowledge that you've gained at this university on the hill and become the beacon on the hill of learning and knowledge yourself."

Robert Weigand '95, senior manager of project planning and administration at ABC, was the speaker. To see Weigand's speech, go online to [youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity](https://youtube.com/MansfieldUniversity).

Meghan Zwart of Salisbury, NY was named this year's Outstanding Senior. Zwart teaches in the Tuxedo Union Free School district in Tuxedo Park, NY.

Student Trustee Louis Setzer '11 spoke on behalf of the Council of Trustees and introduced Weigand. John Quashnoc '70, Alumni Association president, gave the alumni greeting and President William Brown '11 represented the Student Government Association. The MU Brass Band provided musical accompaniment for the event.



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A native of Belize, Cal recounted how she came to Mansfield just a few years after coming to the United States as "a quiet girl with a passion and desire to be a singer," and how the nurturing and supportive environment gave her the foundation for professional and personal success.

"What you will find when you reflect on your time here, is that the persons you have met here ... have all contributed to shaping the person who arrived four years ago into the person who leaves tomorrow, a Mansfield alumni," she said.

Special recognition was given to the candidates for outstanding senior.

Alumni Association President John Quashnoc '70 welcomed the graduates to the ranks of MU alumni, "your family for life," and urged them to stay connected with their alma mater.

The event is made possible by the support of Professors Lee and Kathy Wright '82, The MU Alumni Association, The Office of the Provost, The Association of Pennsylvania State College & University Faculties, and The American Federation of State, County & Municipal Workers.





## Employees Honored for Dedication & Service

The annual Mansfield University Service Recognition Program was held on April 26.

Employees who have served MU for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years were honored. People who have retired or will be retiring through summer 2011 were also recognized.

The following individuals were honored:

**Ten years:** Denise Berg, Candace Blessing, Lindy Hampsher, Nancy Henry, Julie Jerzak, Sheila Kasperek, William Keeth, John Mansfield, Adrienne McEvoy, Sheryl Monkelien, Michele Moore, Holly Pieper, Wendi Route, Matthew Slotkin, Brad Stettler, Joyce Stragapede, William Teeter, Nanci Werner-Burke

**Fifteen Years:** Rachel Green, Lou Labuski-Brown, Mark Polonia, Timothy Seymour, Jacqueline Weiskopff, Thomas Wilson

**Twenty Years:** Tamela Bastion, Dennis Dean, Mahmoud Gaballa, Edith Gallagher, Bradley Holtman, Howard Iseri, Jesus Lucero, Kelvin Morgan, Lynn Pifer, Lou Ann Rumsey, Philippe Savoye, Michael Stoudt, John Ulrich, Winona Wieczorek, Kathy Wright

**Twenty-five years:** Pamela Boyce, Robert Maris, David Solan

**Thirty years:** Pam Achey, Craig Cleland, Wayne Evans, Alan Johnson, John Kingsley, John Kirby, Curt Tofts

**Thirty-five years:** William Chabala, Roger Maisner

**Employees who have retired or officially announced they will retire:** Brian Barden, Connie Beckman, Helen Biblehimer, Bonnie Brooks, Michael Casselberry, Margaret Chapel, Annie Cooper, Vincent Jenkins, Thomas Johnston, Andrew Longoria, Jane McGuire, Barbara Morgan, Barbara Nichols, Joyce Nichols, Marvin Roberts, Kathleen Rumsey, Richard Soderberg, John Sternick, Susan Sweet, Robert Timko, Thomas Young, Joan Zuchowski

**Retirees Deborah Casey and Donna Lee Simpson were also honored for their service to the university.**

Ryan Stanley '03, management technician for academic Records, was named Employee of the Year.



Brian Barden, Cindy Kerr, Scott Miller and Kathy Wright were also nominated.

The Chemistry and Physics Department received the Spotlight Award, which is given to a department that

exemplifies the four facets of the Mansfield Creed: Character, Scholarship, Culture and Service.

The Chemistry and Physics Department staff consists of faculty members Antonio Ambrosio, Gregory Carson, Michael Chester, Scott Davis, Barry Ganong, Anthony Kiessling, Shaker Ramasamy, Ruchi Tandon, Paul Wendel, Amber Whitney, Jay Wu and support staff members Mike Buck, Mike Kutz, Scott Miller and Jenny Zeafla.

## Getting Involved-Making a Difference

Alumni volunteers recently assisted with the recruitment of quality students to Mansfield University by writing postcards to accepted students. Their notes congratulated the students on being accepted to Mansfield, wished them luck, and encouraged them to get involved on campus. Volunteers also presented a Mansfield University scholarship to a senior at their local high school's spring awards ceremony or graduation. The Alumni, Admissions and Financial Planning offices extend their appreciation and gratitude to the alumni who participated in these programs.

Postcard campaign volunteers: Corey Meola Applegate '03, Sally Bair '74, Randi Turner Belanger '85, Janet Fetherbay Bird '72, Elwood Boone '71, Carol Himmelreich Brann '60, Anne Metarko Brooks '02, Kim Cardone '04, Andy Carola '53, Lori Moore Cass '94 '96 '03, JoAnn Nesgoda Coleman '78, Matthew Conway '90 '92, Susan Byers Crater '03, Alissa Shreck Detman '02, Amber Ellixson '10, Bev Wilber Evans '69, '71, Harland Evans '64 '69, Mark Ewing '09, Tammy Moore Felondis '95, Victor Fields '81, Ann Roggenbaum Fitzgerald '93, Tony Grego '92, Alyssa Klementisz Guers '00, Jennifer Harton '05, Shanna Hubbs '08, Meredith Burris Jackson '00, Pamela Pflieger Kemp '76, Sharon Mokrzyński Kendrick '81, Horace King '65, Elizabeth Kois '07, Suzanne Yeager Litzenberger '01, Amy Drinkwine Mahonski '10, Marsha Earley Malinich '54, Ryan Manning '00, Anita Martin Marino '94, Rich Miller '84, Cliff Morales '96, Joyce Spahr Moyer '70, Timothy Mulroy '03, Laura Fredrick Nagorny '93, Katie Doyle Parsell '00, Diana Rizzo Petlock '04, Ashley Pfeil '10, Sharhonda Pointer '96, Maria Valenzano Prince '02, Calvin Ruthven '04 '06, Kelly Ann Murray Ryan '05, Barbara Ambers Scholl '98, Pam Scipioni '01, Joe Seroski '07, Bob Shorb '76, Donna Lee Stuart Simpson '78 '83, Sara Snitchler '03, Nicole Welshans Staron '03, Betty Thoren '90, Nikki Ruth Tobias '03, Krista Tyner '04, Brian Ulmer '05, Bill Walsh '78, Carol Watson '78, Tracey Bellesfield Werner '95, Steve Winnie '99, Jennifer Codd Zelonis '99.

Scholarship certificate volunteers: Dan Cook '05, Williamson HS; David Empet '03 '07, Wyalusing Valley HS; Corinne Mosher Hayes '74, Bangor Area HS; Marianne Davis Hennip '78, Northeast Bradford HS; Jeffrey Howe '04, New Oxford HS; Alanna Rice Huck '99, Coudersport Area HS; Leta Jo Myers Maue '73, Danville HS; Suzanne Fretz McCool '66, East Stroudsburg HS North; Jane Hurd Perkins '85, Oswayo Valley HS; Cynthia VanOrd Scheid '86, Youngsville HS; Matthew Sottolano '03, Cowanesque Valley HS; Carolyn Tomb Van Etten '72 '04, Northern Potter HS; Casey Murphy Wood '02, Mansfield HS.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, visit [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu) and click on "Get Involved". Complete the volunteer interest form or contact Alumni Relations at 888-305-6505 or [alumni2@mansfield.edu](mailto:alumni2@mansfield.edu).

Refer a Student – Do you know an outstanding high school student who would find MU to be a good fit? Help our Admissions office identify and recruit students by sending us the names of tomorrow's leaders! Visit [alumni.mansfield.edu/referastudent](http://alumni.mansfield.edu/referastudent) to complete and submit a student referral form.



## From Your Alumni Director

### 2011 Alumni Weekend

A member of the class of 1961 summed up the reunion with this comment, "It is with happiness and sadness that we leave (campus) – our hearts filled with joy of seeing classmates, but sadness of when we will see them again. I am so proud of being a 'Mansfield Mountie'." FMI on Alumni Weekend, including the 2011 Society of Honors and Music Honor Roll inductees, [click here](#).

### Alumni Association Leadership

The MU Alumni Association is led by a volunteer board of 18 members. Congratulations to the following alums who were named to the Board of Directors at the June meeting: Jamie Hall '03 (East Norriton, PA), attorney, Law Office of Jamie Hall, Leta Jo Myers Maue '73 (Sunbury, PA), retired educator, Rod Pursell '88 (Bath, PA), president of Adam Meyer Moving & Storage and

Patricia Baker VanDruff '78 (New Ringgold, PA) client service manager at IWCO Direct. The following officers were elected: Amy DuPree Brooks '80, president; Stephanie Adams Ulmer '04, first vice president; Jeffrey Howe '04, second vice president. Jiggs McHale '58, Tim Mulroy '03, John Quashnoc '70 and Bill Walsh '78 were recognized for completing six years of service before retiring from the board. To learn more about the MU Alumni Association and the board, visit [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu), [Alumni Association](#).

### Recent Alumni Gatherings

Thanks to Marirose Murphy '79 and Lisa Chipak Spangenberg '81, MU alumni & friends spent an enjoyable evening at Mert's in Scranton on April 9. There was live music, tasty food, great door prizes and lots and lots of laughs as the group reminisced about campus life and the unique experience of true and long-lasting friendship. To view a photo montage, [click here](#).

Soccer alums returned to campus on April 16 for the First Annual Women's Soccer Alumnae Reunion. The alumni players took on members of the 2011 soccer team and then enjoyed a cookout hosted by Coach Tim Dempsey. Complete story at [gomounties.com](http://gomounties.com).

### Homecoming 2011

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on campus October 7 & 8, 2011. For more information and to register, to go [alumni.mansfield.edu/HC2011](http://alumni.mansfield.edu/HC2011)

### PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program

Pack your suitcase and travel around the world with alumni and friends from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education! Upcoming excursions for 2012 include both land tours and sea cruises. [www.alumnivacations.com](http://www.alumnivacations.com) or 1-800-506-7447

### Alumni & Friends Online Community

"Find Friends" can help you to reconnect with college friends. Become a registered member of the community and gain access to all the fun and free features. Locate your constituent ID from the mailing label of this edition of the Mansfieldian, go to [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu) and click on "first time" login.

### MU Alumni Connections

If you haven't been receiving the e-newsletter, we probably don't have your current email address. Visit [alumni.mansfield.edu](http://alumni.mansfield.edu) and complete the "Update Information" form under "Quick Links". The e-newsletter is a quick read and will keep you up-to-date on what's happening at Mansfield!

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## Homecoming 2011

Message Boards

Event Description - Homecoming 2011

**Mark your calendar! Homecoming 2011 is scheduled for Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8.**

The annual **Homecoming Golf Tournament** will be held on Friday, October 7 at Corey Creek Golf Club, with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit MU athletic scholarships.



Later that evening, join MU Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, coaches, alumni, friends and family at the **Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony**. The event, which begins at 5:15 p.m., costs \$20 and reservations are required. This year's inductees are: **Dr. Donald Shaw, Alison Tagliaferri '06, Randy Vargason '86 and Charity Learn Walker '06.**

After dinner, join fellow alumni, friends and current students at the **bonfire and pep rally** beginning at 9 p.m. (location TBD).

The **Homecoming parade** will take place on Main Street in Mansfield on Saturday, October 8 beginning at 10 a.m.

Following the parade, stop by the **Alumni Welcome** in **Allen Hall** (adjacent to Van Norman Football stadium) hosted by the **Art** Department and the Department of **Communication**. Tour the facility, meet professors and students, learn about current programs, and get caught up with former classmates. **Alumni Relations** staff will be on hand to greet and assist you with registering for door prizes, and there will be complimentary hotdogs, beverages, MU logo items and more! First come – first served. Registration is appreciated, but not required.



For more information: **Art** [mwhiteho@mansfield.edu](mailto:mwhiteho@mansfield.edu)  
**Communication** [kyoung@mansfield.edu](mailto:kyoung@mansfield.edu)

Cheer on the **Mounties sprint football team** as they take on NAVY in Van Norman Stadium. The game is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

An **Alumni Baseball Game** will be held at Shaute Field beginning at 2 p.m. and an informal gathering at Gregory's (formerly Mark's Brother's) will take place after the game. Come out and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first PSAC Baseball Championship Team (1961)!

The annual **Prism Concert** will be held in Steadman Theatre, Butler at 7 p.m. This unique concert features numerous MU music ensembles and is uninterrupted by pause or applause.

[Click here](#) to download a printable version of the Homecoming 2011 registration form.

[Click here](#) to see a list of those registered to come.

[Click here](#) for a list of local accommodations.

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**Richard Mix** and his late wife, **Miriam Swan Mix** '49, [www.pilatomurals.com/gallery/129.jpg](http://www.pilatomurals.com/gallery/129.jpg) are featured in a hand-painted mural on the side of building located on Fourth St. in downtown Williamsport, PA. The mural depicts the rich history and present-day life in Lycoming County, PA. Richard is shown wearing a black top hat and Miriam is in a blue dress.

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**Marilyn Flail Ludi**, Paris, France [M38L75@aol.fr](mailto:M38L75@aol.fr)

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**Elizabeth Wilson Chupka**, 12 Peer St, Binghamton, NY 13901 [elzbchup@aol.com](mailto:elzbchup@aol.com) writes that she "taught second and third grades for 30 years between pregnancies. We are the parents of 5 boys and 2 girls."

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**Ann Wilkinson Goellner**, Beaufort, NC was awarded the Governor's Medallion for her decade of service to Beaufort Sister Cities, Inc. Ann was selected on the basis of the projects she initiated to connect people in towns of the same name around the world through mutual interests. She is a former employee of AFS Intercultural Programs, The School for International Training, and the Atlanta Board of Education where she was the founding director of the Center for International Studies, North Atlanta HS.

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**Connie Paris Burlingame** received the Outstanding Contributor to Library Media Program award during the 38th annual conference of the PA School Librarians Assoc. Krista Burlingame Leonard '00, librarian at Sayre (PA) Elementary Schools, presented the award to her mother. Connie retired in 2003 after 29 years as librarian at Towanda HS. She also taught technology courses for Penn State and Lackawanna College. With the PA School Librarians Assoc., Connie served as a member of the Conference, Legislative and Awards committees; chaired the Intellectual Freedom, Constitution and By-Laws and Regional Coordinators committees; and was secretary for 3 years.

**Helene Trimborn Messner** MS '86, RD, CDN, CFS, was presented with the 2011 Distinguished Dietitian Award at the 81st Annual Meeting and Expo of the NY Dietetic Assoc.

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**Edna Nelson Logue**, 930 Wattersonville Rd Cowansville, PA 16218

**John Pontin**, 42 Iroquois Dr., Royersford, PA 19468 [nitnop1621@comcast.net](mailto:nitnop1621@comcast.net) writes: "Just heard that Phi Sigma Kappa was returning to Mansfield in mid-April. Bill Russell '67, Rick Bollinger '68 and I started the original branch at MU back in 1966."

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**Gregory Ruth**, 115 Knorr Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 [grbuilderslog@yahoo.com](mailto:grbuilderslog@yahoo.com)

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**Deborah Gleason Rittmeyer**, Byron, NY [drittme1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:drittme1@rochester.rr.com)

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**Neil Boyer** and **Sandy Arms Boyer** returned to Mansfield in May 2011 to watch their nephew, **Andrew Jones** '11 graduate forty years after they did and receive the same degree in Music Education. Thirty-two students received a degree in Music Education in May 2011 – coincidentally the same number of students that received the degree in 1971.

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**Cindy Gabel** has retired after 39 great years working in education.

**Grace Grego**, Waverly, NY [gggrego@stny.rr.com](mailto:gggrego@stny.rr.com)

**Richard Truscello**, Johnstown, PA [rtruscello@eadsgroup.com](mailto:rtruscello@eadsgroup.com)

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**Michele Avery** [jeshuaschild@gmail.com](mailto:jeshuaschild@gmail.com) [www.sonkistphoto.com](http://www.sonkistphoto.com) spent 11 years teaching in special education and is now self-employed as a home care provider for special needs adults. She is also a freelance photographer.

**William Boyce**, 938 Lillian Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15210 [william.boyce@alleghenycounty.us](mailto:william.boyce@alleghenycounty.us)

**Mark Harvey** and **Judy Onufrak Harvey** '74, Great Bend, PA [spiritbear@echoes.net](mailto:spiritbear@echoes.net) This is Judy's 33rd year of teaching music at Maine-Endwell Central SD, and Mark's 10th year of teaching grades 7-12 art at Blue Ridge SD in New Milford, PA.

**Bonnie Jamieson** was presented with the annual Grandin Award in April by the Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders of PA. The award acknowledges an individual who contributes to the organization's mission of maximizing the potential and possibilities of children, adolescents and adults with autism in the state.

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**John Ross** [jross5@ptd.net](mailto:jross5@ptd.net)

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**Kenneth Condran**, 845 Victoria La, Palmyra, PA 17078 [kwcondran75@comcast.net](mailto:kwcondran75@comcast.net) has retired from the Derry Township Police Dept. after 33 years. Ken was a founding member of the Dauphin Crisis Response Tactical team, retiring in 2007 as team leader. Ken plans to spend time with family and travel during retirement.

**Martin Flint**, 109 Grace Ave, Port Allegheny, PA 16743 [tflint@pasdedu.org](mailto:tflint@pasdedu.org)

**Kathleen Sears Smith**, Elmhurst Township, PA [Kats701@hotmail.com](mailto:Kats701@hotmail.com)

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**Joan Butko Basden**, 81 W. Bruceton Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236 [basdenj@wmasd.org](mailto:basdenj@wmasd.org)

**Todd Hunter**, 382 Fowlersville Rd., Bloomsburg PA 17815 [toddbonester@gmail.com](mailto:toddbonester@gmail.com) is working on a doctoral dissertation proposal at Boston U. CFA and has been employed as the adjunct brass instructor at Bloomsburg U, PA since 2006.

**Edward Jurewicz** [ljurewicz5@comcast.net](mailto:ljurewicz5@comcast.net)

**Ellen Fischer Marx** is a proud grandmother. Her daughter and son-in-law, Jen and Art Stamets, welcomed son Cooper Edward in June 2011.

**Earl Packard**, assistant professor and chair of the Mathematics and Physics Dept of Alfred State College, has been selected to participate in the annual reading and scoring of the College Board's Advanced Placement Examinations in June. He will be reading the calculus exams for the ninth consecutive year.

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**Shay Peters Marsh**, Casa Grande, AZ [shay.marsh@gmail.com](mailto:shay.marsh@gmail.com)

**Stephen Novakovich**, 4306 Meadowcrest Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17112 [novakovich@comcast.net](mailto:novakovich@comcast.net)

**Janet Damm Secor**, Richardson, TX [jsecor43@gmail.com](mailto:jsecor43@gmail.com)

**Susan Gezon Shriver**, 2416 Gem Ave., Emmett, ID 83617 [sstatertot@gmail.com](mailto:sstatertot@gmail.com) writes: "Enjoying life in Idaho, working as a school nurse in a rural community. Would love to hear from other Mansfieldians! If anyone is ever out in Idaho, Please get in touch."

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**Robert McCullough** and **Tom Schuster** '80 came back to campus on April 24 to speak to students on careers in criminal justice as part of the Alumni and Friends Internship Network. They helped present three current CJA students – **Lucas Hass**, **Bryan Starmer** and **Caleb Miller** – with scholarship certificates.

**Sharon Voeste Metzger**, Lititz, PA

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**Steven Crawford**, chief of staff to former PA Governor Ed Rendell, has joined S.R. Wojdak & Asso's as managing VP. Crawford served as Rendell's chief of staff and secretary of legislative affairs over the last 8 years, capping a 25-year public service career.

**Mindy Miller Rottmund** has been named Teacher of the Year for 2011-2012 by the PA. Assoc. of Family and Consumer Sciences.

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**Scott Cummings** [mayfaircivic2003@aol.com](mailto:mayfaircivic2003@aol.com)

**Matthew George** [mgeorge@stny.rr.com](mailto:mgeorge@stny.rr.com)

**Mark Jones** [phxjones@yahoo.com](mailto:phxjones@yahoo.com)

**Michael Reagan**, Athens, PA [mreagan98@yahoo.com](mailto:mreagan98@yahoo.com)

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**Karen Buttorff Morton**, Williamsport, PA [kmorton62@verizon.net](mailto:kmorton62@verizon.net)

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**Traci Godfrey Ferguson**, Milton, PA

**William Squier**, 6825 Arbor Lake Dr., Apt. 103, Chester, VA 23831 [squilly@me.com](mailto:squilly@me.com)

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**Rhonda Packard Edgell**, New Providence, PA

**Barbara German**, Longmont, CO [iknowtheshepherd@juno.com](mailto:iknowtheshepherd@juno.com)

**Mark Hoyt**, Greenville, SC [markhoyt914@gmail.com](mailto:markhoyt914@gmail.com)

**Susan Nye-Bleiler**, Alpine, NY [smnb63@aol.com](mailto:smnb63@aol.com)

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**Scott Allen**, 1140 Steinmetz Rd. Lot 4, Ephrata, PA 17522 [g11000scott@yahoo](mailto:g11000scott@yahoo) moved back to PA in '09 and would like to hear from MU friends.

**Scott Holtzapple** and **David Ebbert** returned to campus in March to speak with students about their careers as employees of the Allenwood federal prison complex.

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**Karen Robinson Crosby** received a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Edinboro U, PA, in May.

**Carlene Sims Starkey**, Columbia Cross Roads, PA.

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**Joseph Grier** [www.jmgpromotes.com](http://www.jmgpromotes.com) writes: "Let's boost our ability to track and engage with our alumni, support and build upon innovative educational opportunities that will generate revenue like the Record Label, push to get more funding for the Entrepreneurs program, and add sales as a curriculum at the college to help ensure the possibilities of our students becoming gainfully employed directly after they leave the University."

**Janet Wolyniec Williams**, Williamsport, PA

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**Shawn Vail** is engaged to be married to Jennifer Dismukes in September. The bride is employed at the Washington, DC law firm of Kirkland and Ellis, LLP. Shawn, a US Army LTC, is currently stationed at Fort Knox, KY, where he commands the 3rd Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment.

**Carey Scott Weisler**, 54 Sunset Way, Hiram, GA 30141-4439

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**Cynthia Thorp** [cthorp21@gmail.com](mailto:cthorp21@gmail.com)

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**Jeff Franquet** coached the Central Connecticut State U softball team which claimed a spot in NCAA history by scoring 17 runs in the second inning of a doubleheader sweep. That number tied for the second most runs ever in a single inning of a Div. I softball game. It was not the first time that Jeff was part of a 17-run inning – now in his second year at Central, he coached at Jacksonville when the Dolphins posted their 17-run inning in 2004.

**Sherri Doyle Eadie**, 5711 Connewago Ave Ext., Warren, PA 16365 [sherri.a.eadie@wfadvisors.com](mailto:sherri.a.eadie@wfadvisors.com)

**Adrienne Russell**, Mansfield, PA [adrienne-russell@hotmail.com](mailto:adrienne-russell@hotmail.com)

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**Kelly Hyde Kurtz**, [kkurtz@montasd.org](mailto:kkurtz@montasd.org)



**Patricia Parker Penkunas**, Wake Forest, NC [penkunjj@hotmail.com](mailto:penkunjj@hotmail.com)

**Melissa Signor**, Levallois Perret, France [zetamiss@hotmail.com](mailto:zetamiss@hotmail.com)

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**Beth Shanfelt Lewis**, 4 Burlington St., Binghamton, NY 13903

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**Jason Shilala**, 531 Stanley Bottom Rd. Sykesville, PA 15865 [jshilala@dasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:jshilala@dasd.k12.pa.us)

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**Tammy Walker Johnson**, 203 River Vista Dr., Wysox, PA 18854 [tamtam@epix.net](mailto:tamtam@epix.net)

**Mark Kehler** and **Eric Noll** '97 returned to campus in February to speak with students regarding their careers as federal probation officers.

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**Jason Grube**, Reading, PA

**Christopher McGann**, Harrisburg, PA [mcgannc42@gmail.com](mailto:mcgannc42@gmail.com)

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**Laura Bratt McGetrick**, 3413 Sherman Rd., Jordan, NY 13080 [lmcgetrick@cm.cnyric.org](mailto:lmcgetrick@cm.cnyric.org) writes: "Happily married to Todd McGetrick, have two wonderful children, Maggie and Owen, working for my alma mater and enjoying life in general! Shout out to Pam P., Julissa P., Deb H., Kathy."

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**Nicole Ridall Wilson** [ndwilson@stny.rr.com](mailto:ndwilson@stny.rr.com)

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**Ruthann Seibert** became pastor at Salem United Church of Christ, Dover, PA, in March.

**Barbara Slocum**, Towanda, PA [barb\\_slocum@hotmail.com](mailto:barb_slocum@hotmail.com)

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**Holly Aslin Lemmello**, Collegeville, PA

**Sara Jackson** received a M.Ed. in Reading from Edinboro U., PA in May.

**C. James Kelly**, 135 E. Doris Ave., State College, PA 16801 [jimmyk3.14@gmail.com](mailto:jimmyk3.14@gmail.com)

**Shannon Pringle** has announced the grand opening of the Pringle Law Firm in Towanda, PA. The firm specializes in Workers' Compensation, personal injury and Social Security.

**Kristy Ross**, Rochester, NY [theflooz@hotmail.com](mailto:theflooz@hotmail.com)

**Santina Swarthout/Perry Wilson** [phill3562@aim.com](mailto:phill3562@aim.com)

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**Jared** and **Danielle Trout Barden** welcomed a baby boy, Fitzgerald, in April.

**Rebecca Santoro Hetzel**, Bear Creek Twp., PA [musicmffn@yahoo.com](mailto:musicmffn@yahoo.com)

**Ryan Stanley**, management technician for the academic records dept. at MU, was named "Employee of the Year" for 2010-11. The Employee Recognition Committee selected Stanley after a campus-wide nomination process.

**Jennifer Hale/Revels VanNoy**, Perry, OK [jennvannoy1277@gmail.com](mailto:jennvannoy1277@gmail.com)

**Amanda Webb** [amandadwebb@gmail.com](mailto:amandadwebb@gmail.com)

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**Joshua Criss** is engaged to marry Jacque Smith, a third grade teacher in Normal, IL. Joshua is employed by State Farm Ins. Co. in Bloomington, IL, as a catastrophe services performance support trainer. The couple is planning an October wedding.



**Rebecca May Colton**, Canton, PA

**Rita Norton Hall** [rita62781@hotmail.com](mailto:rita62781@hotmail.com)

**David and Christina Lucas Merwine** '05 welcomed a baby boy, Ian, in April.

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**Jessica Bishop** [forlorn\\_shadows@yahoo.com](mailto:forlorn_shadows@yahoo.com) has accepted a position as a traveling dietitian, going to a new location every three months. Her first assignment is in Wyoming; the second in Guam.

**Bryn Dunham** and Bev, an MU staffer, welcomed the birth of a baby girl, Alison, in 2010.

Amy Houck is CEO and founder of 440 Artist Alighment, a frontier marketing company specializing in artist development via social media. Her expertise is in the areas of design, development and branding, and she has launched the careers of several well-known independent artists. Amy recently published Social Media Marketing for Musicians, the E-Book Bible. It is available on Amazon in Kindle format and on her company website as an E-Book PDF. [www.mi2n.com/press.php3?press\\_nb=141568](http://www.mi2n.com/press.php3?press_nb=141568)

**06**

**Richard Correll** and **Holly Bumpus**, both of Mansfield, PA, are engaged. Rich is chief operator at the Mansfield wastewater treatment plant, and Holly works at Citizens & Northern Bank in Wellsboro. A September wedding is planned.

**Thomas McDonald**, Reading, PA

**Christopher Wood** and wife Traci recently welcomed the birth of a baby girl, Ava.

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**Jessica Crone Sember** and **Michael Sember**, both of Bloomsburg were married in March. Jessica is employed as an RN and Michael is a network server administrator with Geisinger Medical Center, Dansville, PA.

**Joanna Fuller** received a M.Ed. in Middle and Secondary Education from Edinboro U. of PA in May.

**Jaime Hartley**, South Williamsport is engaged to Joseph Patrick Kelley, also of Williamsport. A Sept. 10 wedding at Heshbon United Methodist Church is being planned.

**Brian Holyk** graduated with the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June.

**Jon Livelsberger** graduated with the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June.

**Shelley Peters Byron**, Binghamton, NY

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**John Cronin** returned to campus in March to speak with students about his career in criminal justice. John is currently in a doctoral program focused on security analysis.

**Shanna Hubbs**, Port Allegany, PA

**Allen Keim** and **Sarah Bierly**, Jersey Shore, PA plan to marry in October. Sarah is employed as an art teacher by the Jersey Shore Area SD, and Allen works as a fish culturist with the PA Fish and Boat Commission, Pleasant Gap.

**Stephanie Lynch** graduated with honors from the U of Scranton with a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling. She is a vocational rehabilitation counselor of the P A Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Allentown, PA District office.

**Justine Taylor** was selected for a fellowship through Stoneleigh Foundation. She will be working with the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission in developing its capacity to track statewide recidivism rates of juvenile offenders. Justine is currently a data analyst for the Administrative Office of the PA Courts.

**Amanda Tyler** will marry **Matthew Pomeroy** in July. Amanda is an English teacher at Northern Potter HS and Matthew is employed by Marcone in Coudersport, PA.

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**Rebekah Brown** [rebekah.a.brown@gmail.com](mailto:rebekah.a.brown@gmail.com)

**Emily Ostrom Graham** and **Shawn Graham** welcomed their baby girl, Scarlett Louise, in May.

**Michelle Polczynski**, Ford City, PA [polczynm@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:polczynm@mounties.mansfield.edu)

**Katelyn Plaska**, Jackson, NJ [plaskak@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:plaskak@mounties.mansfield.edu)

**Maria Reich**, Magdala, Germany [mariareich@msn.com](mailto:mariareich@msn.com)

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**Katie Foster** and **Jonathan Fuller II** announce their engagement. They plan to marry in May 2012.

**Sherry Stoudt**, Blossburg, PA

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**Catherine Griffin**, Covington, PA [griffince19@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:griffince19@mounties.mansfield.edu)

**Kacey O'Herron** and **Eric Gergel** are engaged and plan to marry in October. Kacey is a disabilities facilitator with EOP's Head Start. Eric is employed with Citizen's Bank in Horseheads, NY, while working on his Master's in special education at MU.

**Ashley Meuse Tillotson**, Roaring Branch, PA

#### **Retired Faculty**

**Verne Jeffers** writes: "I retired in June, 1992, still married to the same partner (52 years) and at 86 years old am enjoying life to its fullest. Carol turned 80 in October and is looking forward to resuming tap dancing this summer. We still have many fond memories of our 24 years in Mansfield."

## ***In Memoriam***

Esther A. Jerald '34  
Emily Walton Wilmont '34  
Louise Elder Slawecki '35  
Mary Stevens Eckert '37  
Eudora Dunbar Bovier '38  
Donald G. Avery '39  
Ruth Brigham Young '39  
Bernice Gayman Brungard '41  
Angelo John Lentini '42  
Harry E. Willard '42  
Jean Willson Bosworth '45  
Gloria Razey Anderson '47  
Frank R. Botsford '49  
Philip A. Brown '49  
James J. Decker '49  
Emmett L. McIntosh '49  
William G. Bender '50  
Elizabeth-Ann Bowers '50  
Richard W. Oliver '52  
Joan Sullivan Johnson  
Zastavny '52  
Florence Dunbar Gable '54  
William E. Walters '57  
James J. Bogaczyk '61  
Donald "Bud" Dempsey '61  
Thomas E. McInroy '61  
Fred B. Clark '62  
Ruth Yahn Chalmers '63  
Dorothy Wheeler Robertson '65  
Mary Aderhold Houghtaling '66  
Janet Ford Lambert '68  
David P. Straub '68  
Christine Krumm Armstrong '70  
Sue Ellen Ricedorf '73  
Elyse M. Frank '74  
Deborah Ross Getz '77  
Kenneth A. Layton '77  
Edward M. Mockaitis '77  
Claudia Drumheller Tomkiel '77  
Gayle Fogelsonger Clark '80  
Patricia Whittaker VanDyne '80  
Jacqueline M. Marshall '82  
Sandra L. Foster '83  
Frank W. Saxon '92  
Jacob L. Snyder '05

### **Retired Staff**

Thomas W. Burley

### **Former Staff**

William P. Carter, Jr. '98

### **Friends**

Norman H. Gerson  
Charles H. Henderson  
Jane Sage Minerd